

Application Serial Number 10/526,198
Response to Office Action
Dated February 25, 2008

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims

Objection to the Specification

Applicants thank the Examiner for providing information about recommended section headings. However, Applicants respectfully decline to add the headings. Section headings are not statutorily required for filing a non-provisional patent application under 35 USC § 111(a), but per 37 CFR § 1.51(d) are only guidelines that are suggested for applicant's use. (See "Miscellaneous Changes in Patent Practice, Response to comments 17 and 18" (Official Gazette, August 13, 1996) [Docket No: 950620162-6014-02] RIN 0651-AA75 ("Section 1.77 is permissive rather than mandatory. ... [T]he Office will not require any application to comply with the format set forth in 1.77"). (See also MPEP § 608.01(a)).

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2

The rejections under this section of the Code have been considered. The filed application describes the interaction of the spring of U-shaped configuration that is connected to the main part as claimed. In particular the filed application discloses:

In the hair-trimmer 1, the loading means 55 are formed by spring means, the loading means 55, i.e. the spring means, being formed by a spring 55 of a U-shaped configuration, as can clearly be seen from Fig. 3. In the region of its cross-member 56, the spring 55 is connected to the head part 3, that is to say to the motor-mounting 27 in the head part 3. In the region of each of its two sides 57 and 58, the spring 55 co-operates with a positioning extension 59 connected to the main part 2. In the present case, the positioning extension 59 is formed by a positioning lug 59 that projects from the housing top section 8 into the interior of the housing and that is shown in Fig. 3.

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Respectfully, the specification and drawings as filed provide support of sufficient detail for the claimed subject matter that the spring and its interaction with other elements is clear. Thus, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the indication of allowability of claims 4-6. Claim 7 now includes the subject matter of claim 4 and thus is in condition for allowance. All claims are thus in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103

In view of the amendment to the claims, all rejections of claim 7 are moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner withdraw the objection(s) and/or rejection(s) of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application in condition for allowance.

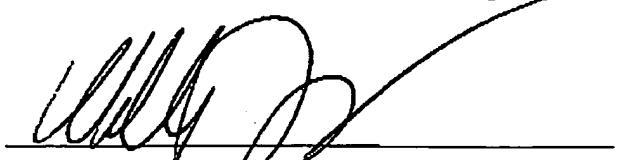
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-0238 for any additional fees, including, but not limited to, the fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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